on the trade and manufacture of articles made from Indian ivory.

(c) According to 1989 Elephant Census, the number of elephants in Karnataka State is 4420.

Crash of IAF AN-32 aircraft

114. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an IAF-AN-32 aircraft recently crashed near Ponmudi Hill resort;

(b) what is the number of persons killed in this crash; and

(c) whether a Court of Inquiry has been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 5 persons were killed including 4 aircrew and one ground crew.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Committee on Defence Expenditure

115. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a Committee on Defence Expenditure has been set up; and

(b) if so, what are the details of its functions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee are:—

(i) To examine existing expenditures in the Department of Defence and to recommend measures, structures and systems to achieve economy and secure optimal utilisation of available resources.

(ii) To recommend systems for the periodic review and control of expenditure.

(iii) To examine and report on such further issues as may be referred by Government.

Grant to Special Duty Allowance to Teachers Recruited for N. E. Region

116. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1449 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether a decision on granting special duty allowance to teachers recruited for N. E. region has since been taken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Introduction of the subjects in Kendriya Vidyalayas recommended by Bhujang Rao CoRmmittee

117. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1439 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether any of the elective subjects recommended for introduction by Bhujang Rao Committee at plus two stage in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has since been started; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?